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SUBJECT: CP IDEOLOGICAL SECRETARIES MEETING

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1. SUMMARY: MEETING OF PARTY IDEOLOGICAL AND PROPAGANDA

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SECRETARIES IN SOFIA MARCH 2-3 PRODUCED NO FORMAL COMMUNI-
QUE, BUT BULGARIAN PRESS CARRIED FORMAL REPORT INDICATING
THAT MAIN TOPIC OF MEETING WAS COORDINATION OF IDEOLOGICAL
COUNTEROFFENSIVE IN PREPARATION FOR CSCE BELGRADE. END SUMMARY.

2. PARTY SECRETARIES CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL AND
IDEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS OF USSR, GDR, CUBA, MONGOLIA, POLAND,

ROMANIA, HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND BULGARIA MET IN SOFIA MARCH 2-3. IT APPEARS THAT NO FORMAL COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED BUT BULGARIAN PRESS MARCH 5 CARRIED REPORT OF MEETING WHICH BEARS EARMARKS OF HAVING BEEN DRAFTED AT MEETING ITSELF.

3. ARTICLE STATED THAT PARTICIPANTS "EXCHANGED EXPERIENCES IN IDEOLOGICAL POLITICAL AND PROPAGANDA WORK." ACTIVITIES DEVOTED TO 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION WERE DISCUSSED, PARTICULARLY MEANS OF PUBLICIZING "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES PEACEFUL FOREIGN POLICY, STEADY DRIVE AGAINST ARMS RACE AND FOR DISARMAMENT, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND COOPERATION."

4. PARTICIPANTS STRESSED ROLE OF MASS MEDIA IN ASSURING FULFILLMENT BY ALL CSCE COUNTRIES OF FINAL ACT, AND IN CREATING "FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR PREPARATION AND HOLDING OF BELGRADE MEETING." IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT PRESS POPULARIZE ON A WIDE SCALE DOCUMENTS OF BUCHAREST WP PCC AND BERLIN ECPC.

5. "ANTICOMMUNISM" MUST BE FIRMLY DENOUNCED AND RESISTANCE MAINTAINED AGAINST "CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ORGANIZED BY IMPERIALIST CIRCLES, TRYING TO DISTORT CONTENT OF INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLICY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND TO INTERFERE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, IN CONTRADICTION WITH SPIRIT AND LETTER OF FINAL ACT."

6 COMMENT: BULGARIAN REPORT WOULD INDICATE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING WAS HELD TO CRANK UP ORGANIZED MEDIA CAMPAIGN ON CSCE PRIOR TO JUNE AND TO COORDINATE STRATEGY TO TRY TO COUNTERACT PUBLICITY SURROUNDING RECENT US HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS. RECENT BULGARIAN PRESS PIECES VAUNTING BULGARIAN CSCE COMPLIANCE (REFS D AND E) WERE UNDOUBTEDLY CITED BY HOSTS AS EXAMPLES OF HOW TO. THERE IS SOME NUANCE, HERE AND THERE, OF LACK OF UNANIMITY (READ ROMANIA). BRACKETING BERLIN ECPC DOCUMENT WITH BUCHAREST PCC COMMUNIQUE MIGHT BE SOMETHING LIKE A TRADE-OFF AND VERY ABSENCE OF FORMAL COMMUNIQUE AND GAP BETWEEN END OF CONFERENCE AND APPEARANCE OF STATEMENT SUGGEST INABILITY TO BRIDGE SOME DIFFERENCES.
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